

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH QUALITY PLANNING COMMISSION TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM IN IDAHO.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death among Idahoans; and
WHEREAS, Idaho has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation; and
WHEREAS, the difference between Idaho deaths by suicide and the national average continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, certain suicide risk factors have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the members of certain population groups in Idaho are at high risk of suicide; and

WHEREAS, the Health Quality Planning Commission is tasked with promoting the health and safety of Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, the Health Quality Planning Commission is tasked with making recommendations to the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Health Quality Planning Commission prepare an implementation plan for a comprehensive suicide prevention program such as the Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan published by the Idaho Council on Suicide Prevention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include the involvement of the Idaho Council on Suicide Prevention and other stakeholders, and that it give special consideration to the institutional changes necessary to better prevent suicide, to training for state, educational, health care and public safety personnel and others likely to be able to prevent suicide through their interaction with persons at risk, and to programs and policies designed to serve those most at risk of suicide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission report its findings and recommendations, including proposals for policy or statutory changes, to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature.